THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Consultancy bids were invited on global basis to select bidders who are well experienced and having technical expertise in the field to provide inputs regarding the complex financial issues like due diligence, valuation of assets, sales memorandum preparation, etc. connected with privatisation of airports through long-term lease. After evaluation of technical and Economic Services Limited (RITES), New Delhi has been selected for appointment as Financial Consultant. One of the criteria for selection was that foreign consultant must have a tie up with an Indian Consultant.

Construction of New Terminal Building at Delhi Airport

1995. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Airports Authority of India has envisaged any scheme for the construction of new terminal building for Delhi Airport; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has plans for constructing a new international terminal building in a built up area of 2,26,000 sq.m with a capacity to handle 6.5 million passengers per annum. AAI is updating the cost estimates and carrying out financial appraisal so that the proposal can be submitted to the Public Investment Board.

Reservation of Tickets on International Routes

1996. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the international passengers who intend to fly in and out of Indian to London and other foreign countries have to book their seats at least 6 months in advance during the season in order to perform their journey to those countries;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Shortage of air seat capacity is generally experienced during peak